REPORT

ON THE

ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FOR THE YEAR

1863.

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For 1863.

DISTRICT OF SONTHAL PERGUNNAHS.

	Square Miles.		*Souls.*
AREA	5,717	POPULATION	525,600

1		2		3		4		5	
	CRIMES.	1863.		1862.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1	Offences against the State	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	...
2	Ditto relating to the Army	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Ditto against public tranquillity	38	100	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Ditto by or relating to public servants ...	53	62	... .	..	.....	.....	.....	.. ..
5	Contempt of lawful authority of public servants	105	188	.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	False evidence and offences against public justice	114	159	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Offences relating to coin and Government Stamps ..	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Ditto relating to weights and measures	23	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Ditto affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals	33	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..
10	Offences relating to religion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Ditto affecting the human body	1,139	1,510	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....
12	Ditto against property	2,755	3,635	.. .	.. ..	... ..	.....	.....	. ..
13	Ditto relating to documents and to trade or property marks	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Criminal breach of contract of service	1	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Offences relating to marriage	21	29	...	.....	. ....	.....	.....	. . ..
16	Defamation	64	96	...	.....	.....	.... .	.....	... ..
17	Criminal intimidation, insult, and annoyance	90	118	.	. ...	.....	. ....	.....	... ..
18	Miscellaneous offences	261	340	.	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	4,683	6,341	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....

Last year's Criminal Statements were prepared with the old denomination of crimes, instead of, according to the Penal Code, nomenclature. *Vide* Remarks in page 11 of last year's report. This year's Statement has been prepared in the form lately ordered by the Government, and the same causes, therefore, have prevented any comparison being made with last year, as in the Regulation Districts, which have stopped the former regular comparison of 5 years. A comparative Statement, as regards some offences, is annexed at the end of this Statement.

1st Class.—*Offences against the State.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.					Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.				
1 Offences against the State	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

No cases occurred under this class.

2nd Class.—*Offences relating to the Army.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.					Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.				
1 Offences relating to the Army	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

No cases occurred under this class.

3RD CLASS—*Offences against public tranquillity.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Unlawful assembly, Section 143 ...	1	6	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Rioting, &c., Sec. 147	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
3	Affray, Sec. 160 ...	36	93	...	...	17	92	109	...	...	...	82	6	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	38	100	...	...	17	99	116	...	...	...	88	6	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...

The convictions are good.

4TH CLASS.—*Offences by, or relating to, public servants.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences by public servants, Secs. 162 to 169	51	77	...	...	9	76	85	...	...	...	59	4	...	...	...	21	...	1	...	...	...
2	Offences relating to public servants, Secs. 170 and 171 ...	2	5	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	53	82	...	...	9	81	90	...	...	...	60	4	...	...	...	25	...	1	...	...	...

Convictions good.

5TH CLASS.—*Contempt of the lawful authority of public servants.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
DETAIL OF OFFENCES	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Contempt of lawful authority, Sections 172 to 190 ...	105	188	...	...	6	184	190	...	...	...	155	5	...	...	...	27	2	1	...	...	...
Total ...	105	188	...	...	6	184	190	...	...	...	155	5	...	...	...	27	2	1	...	...	...

Convictions good.

6TH CLASS.—*False evidence and offences against public justice.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 False evidence, or subornation, &c., of the same, Sections 193 to 200 ...	6	9	...	...	5	8	13	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	...	3	...	...	...
2 Offences against public Justice, Sections 201 to 229 ...	108	150	...	...	5	147	152	...	...	2	111	12	...	...	...	23	2	...	...	...	2
Total ...	114	159	...	...	10	155	165	...	...	2	112	12	...	...	1	31	2	3	...	...	2

Convictions good.

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7TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.*

1	2		3		4			5						6						7	8	9	10
	1863.		1862.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.						ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to coin, Secs. 231 to 254	3	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	1	1	..	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
2 Ditto relating to Govt. stamps, &c., Secs. 255 to 263 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	3	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...

8TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to weights and measures.*

1	2		3		4			5						6						7	8	9	10
	1863.		1862.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.						ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.									
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Offences relating to weights and measures, Secss. 264 to 267 ...	23	23	...	...	...	22	22	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Total ...	23	23	...	...	...	22	22	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...

Convictions good.

9TH CLASS.—*Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals.*

1		2	3	4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1863.	1862.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences affecting public health, Secs. 269 to 278 ...	5	6	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Do. Do. safety, Secs. 279 to 289 ...	3	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
3	Do. Do. convenience, Secs. 290 and 291 ...	13	32	...	...	...	32	32	...	...	...	14	7	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...
4	Do. Do. decency or morals, Secs. 292 to 294 ...	2	4	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	23	45	...	...	...	44	44	...	...	...	25	7	...	...	...	11	1	...	...	...	...

Convictions good.

10TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to religion.*

1		2	3	4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1863.	1862.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences relating to religion, Secs. 295 to 298	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

No cases occurred under this class.

11TH CLASS.—*Offences affecting the human body.*

1	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	2		3		4			5				6				7	8	9	10
		1863.		1862.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.				ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.							
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Murder, Section 302	10	32	...	...	3	32	35	..	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	15	...	.	...
2	Attempt to commit Murder	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
3	Culpable Homicide, Section 304	2	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Thuggee, &c., Section 311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Abetment of Suicide, Sections 305 and 306 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Attempt at ditto, Section 309	4	4	...	...	...	2	2	.	..	..	1	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
7	Rape, Section 376	6	8	..	...	1	7	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	...
8	Unnatural offences, Section 377	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Causing miscarriage attended with aggravating circumstances, Sections 312 to 316 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Other cases, Section 312	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Injury to unborn children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	Exposure of Infants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Concealment of births by secret disposal of the dead body	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances, Section 366	4	4	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
15	Other cases, Section 363	4	7	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...
16	Slavery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Forced labor, Section 374	1	1	..	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	1	...	...	...	...	..
19	Hurt with aggravating circumstances, Sections 325 to 331 and 333	3	4	...	...	...	4	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
20	Other cases, Sections 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338	26	63	...	...	...	54	54	.	...	1	19	...	...	..	2	34	...	8	...	...	...
21	Criminal force or assault, Sections 352 and 353...	1044	1307	...	...	18	771	789	.			274	28	...			402	70	15	...	...	...
22	Wrongful confinement, Sections 342 to 348 ...	14	45	...	...	4	34	38		...	...	27	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	...	...	...
23	Ditto restraint, Section 341	20	32	...	...	38	23	61	..	...	...	9	1	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	..
	Total ...	1139	1510	...	...	65	939	1004	1	1	22	330	29	...	...	3	502	72	44	...	...	..

The convictions are good in all the important crimes. They are very bad in cases of assault.

The following case deserves notice:—

MURDER OF MUSSAMUT BULLEE.

This murder was committed at Peepergariah, a village situated in the Daman-i-koh.

Mussamut Bullee, Sonthalin, and her daughter were suspected by the people of the village to be witches.

In February last, during the Hooly festival, a time that the Sonthals indulge largely in "Hurria," a drink made of fermented rice, one Dassoo Manjhee, head man of the village, had been drinking very freely, and being more than half drunk at the time kicked Mussamut Bullee because she was at the time quarrelling with another Sonthalin.

Some 3 days afterwards he was taken ill and gave out that he had been either poisoned by Mussamut Bullee, or had been bewitched by her in consequence of, and in revenge for, his having kicked her.

Intimation of Dassoo's illness having been sent to his brother Chumroo, the latter came to see him, and was told that his brother had been bewitched by Mussamut Bullee. Chumroo called a Punchait to inquire into the cause which led to his brother's illness, and whether Bullee, Sonthalin, was a witch or not. As nothing could be determined at such Punchait, Chumroo proposed, and it was agreed by all present, that they should proceed to a place called Koosoomdanga, and there consult Lutchoo, Sonthal, the Jan-Gooroo residing there, as to the cause of Dassoo's illness, and whether Bullee was a witch or not.

Accordingly a deputation consisting of six Sonthals proceeded to Koosoomdanga and consulted the Jan-Gooroo as to the cause of Dassoo's illness.

The Jan-Gooroo, Lutchoo, put off the deputation for 2 days, on the plea that he must first do Poojah ere he could tell them, but in reality to find out where the deputation had come from, and for what reason. Having ascertained this, he, the third day, gave his award. Looking at some oiled leaves and peacock's feathers the Jan-Gooroo pronounced Mussamut Bullee and her daughter to be witches, and that Dassoo's illness had been caused through their machinations and spells as such. This decision of the Jan-Gooroo confirmed the Sonthals, who had gone to consult him, in the belief that Mussamut Bullee was really a witch. Headed by Chumroo, they proceeded to the house of Bullee, Sonthalin, and called out to those within the house to come out. Chumroo entered the house, dragged out first Bullee, Sonthalin, and beat her severely with a lattee. He left her in one Ramoo's hands, who continued the assault. Going himself into the house again, he dragged out the daughter beating her likewise with his lattee. 3 or 4 men beat the unfortunate women most savagely. Bullee was afterwards dragged by Chumroo and Ramoo opposite Dassoo's house, and there again beaten by these men until she died.

The Deputy Commissioner sentenced Chumroo to imprisonment for life in transportation; and Ramoo and another each to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment; and 2 others each to 7 years' rigorous imprisonment.

The Jan-Gooroo was sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment.

12TH CLASS.—*Offences against property.*

1		2	3	4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1863.	1862.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Dacoity with murder, Section 396	1	10	...	...	...	10	10	...	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
2	Ditto with attempt to cause death or grievous hurt, Section 397	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Ditto other cases, Secs. 395, 399, 400 and 402 ...	17	182	...	...	...	60	60	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	30	...	...	...
4	Robbery with hurt, Section 394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Ditto other cases, Section 392	452	541	...	...	11	212	223	...	...	...	113	...	...	...	...	107	...	3	...	...	...
6	Theft with aggravating circumstances ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Ditto other cases, Sections 379 to 381 and 401 ...	1401	1689	...	...	18	626	644	...	...	10	346	25	1	...	3	224	16	19	1	...	...
8	Ditto Attempts	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Extortion with aggravating circumstances ...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Ditto other cases, Sections 384 and 385 ...	28	43	...	...	2	33	35	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	16	2	4	...	...	...
11	Criminal breach of trust, Sections 406 to 409 ...	20	27	...	...	1	16	17	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	8	3	...	...	1	...
12	Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen property, Sections 411 to 414	80	124	...	...	1	124	125	...	...	31	53	1	...	...	7	30	3	1	...	...	...
13	Mischief with aggravating circumstances, Sec. 426	8	9	...	...	...	7	7	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
14	Ditto other cases, Sections 426 to 428 and 434 ...	57	111	...	...	8	75	83	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	40	1	11	...	...	...
15	Criminal trespass resulting in death or grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Ditto for commission of serious offences, Sections 440 to 458	372	451	...	...	...	59	59	...	...	7	20	1	...	...	...	22	...	5	...	...	4
17	Ditto other cases, Sections 447, 448, 451, 453, 454, 456, 461 and 462	189	328	...	...	59	215	274	...	...	...	94	...	...	...	...	177	4	9	...	...	...
18	Criminal misappropriation of property, Sections 403 and 404	86	75	...	...	8	49	57	...	...	...	20	2	...	...	...	29	1	5	...	...	...
19	Cheating, Sections 417, 418 and 419	55	70	...	...	4	33	37	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	18	...	7	...	...	...
	Total ...	2753	3635	...	...	112	1519	1631	...	2	55	689	29	1	...	10	715	30	94	1	1	4

There are 19 dacoities this year to 24 last year.

The convictions also are much better, and for dacoities in which generally so little proof is obtained, are fair. The convictions generally are fair throughout the Statement, except under heading 15, the heading for burglaries, in which the results are, as usual everywhere in Regulation and Non-Regulation Districts, very bad. The results under heading 12 are satisfactory.

The following case deserves notice:—

Juggurnath Moira was a Bengalee Mahajun living in Doobrajpore, a Sonthal village. There was a quarrel between himself and one Nona Manjhee, the Mostajir of the village, regarding certain lands.

Finding himself unable to cope with Juggurnath, the Mostajir gave a Pottah of the disputed lands to one Hattee Manjhee. The latter brought a suit against Juggurnath, which he lost. The Mostajir then, with the assistance of Hattee Manjhee and some of the Sonthals of his own village, made, one night, an attack upon Juggurnath's house. The servants were first secured. Juggurnath managed to escape without being seen; but on

his trying to arouse the villagers, he was overtaken, killed, and thrown down a well. The Sonthals then broke open the Kotaghur, flung deceased's accounts and papers down the same well, and plundered what they could find.

The Mostajir of the village, accompanied by 3 Sonthals and the Chowkeedar of that place, then came to the Assistant Commissioner of Deoghur, and reported the occurrence of a dacoity attended with murder by outsiders unknown. Mr. W. Smith, the Assistant Commissioner, having had his suspicions aroused by the manner of the Sonthals and by some discrepancy in their statements, detained the Mostajir and his companions, and at once started for the place.

On his arrival at the spot, Mr. Smith, being unable to get any proof, offered a reward of Rs. 100 to any one who would give information leading to the conviction of the offenders. This had the desired effect. A boy first spoke out. The real facts gradually came to light, the Sonthals confessed, and all the principal offenders concerned in the murder were caught; 2 were sentenced capitally, the High Court confirming the sentence. One man was transported for life, and five for 10 years. The successful termination of this case was entirely due to the activity and energy of the Assistant Commissioner, and to the detective quickness which led him at first to suspect foul play.

13TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to documents, and to trade or property marks.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1863.		1862.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Forgery, or uttering, or possessing forged documents or papers	3	6	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	1	3*	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Counterfeiting, or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, &c., for purposes of forgery	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3 Using a false trade or property mark, and knowingly selling property so marked	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 Counterfeiting, or making or possessing a die, plate, or instrument, for counterfeiting a trade or property mark		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5 Fraudulently destroying or defacing a will or other document	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Removing, or destroying, &c., a trade or property mark, with intent to cause injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	3	6	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Convicted under Section 2, Sonthal Civil Rules, previous to the promulgation of the new Civil Rules, dated 22nd June, 1863.

The following shows the percentage of plundered property recovered:—

CRIMES.	Value of property plundered in all cases reported.	Value of property recovered.	Percentage of recovery on total loss.		Percentage of recovery in cases where offenders were arrested.	
			1863.	1862.	1863.	1862.
Robbery ...	364 4 0	52 6 0	14 6 2	0 0 0	The percentage in this column having been found incorrect, the Deputy Commissioner has been called upon to give correct return, which when received, will be forwarded to Government.	0 0 0
Dacoity	4,087 10 0	238 9 0	5 13 4	0 13 8		0 6 0
House trespass with intent to commit theft ...	11,467 12 5	1,303 12 9	11 5 10	2 12 7		36 8 0
Theft	10,373 1 0	4,947 15 0	47 11 2	24 8 0		37 0 0
Total ...	26,292 11 5	6,542 10 9	79 4 6	28 2 3	.....	73 14 0

This Statement is a great improvement on former ones. The results are considerably better than in most Regulation Districts. They are still, however, not good in Dacoities.

14th Class.—*Criminal breach of contract of service.*

1	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1 Criminal breach of contract of service	1	12	...	...	...	12	12	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	12	...	...	...	12	12	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...

15TH CLASS.—*Offences relating to marriage.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	1863.		1862.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Offences relating to marriage	21	29	...	...	...	11	11	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	21	29	...	...	...	11	11	..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...

16TH CLASS.—*Defamation.*

1		2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
	DETAIL OF OFFENCES	1863		1862.		NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.			CONVICTED.					ACQUITTED, DISCHARGED, OR RELEASED ON BAIL.								
		Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Defamation ...	64	96	...	...	..	61	61	...	...	...	24	1	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	64	96	...	...	...	61	61	...	...	...	24	1	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...

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17TH CLASS.—*Criminal intimidation, insult, or annoyance.*

1	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Criminal intimidation, resulting in death or grievous hurt ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Other cases	90	113	...	...	1	61	62	...	...	...	36	2	...	...	2	20	2	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	90	113	...	...	1	61	62	...	...	...	36	2	...	...	2	20	2	...	...	...	...

18TH CLASS.—*Miscellaneous offences.*

1	DETAIL OF OFFENCES.	2		3		4			5					6					7	8	9	10
		1863.		1862.		Number of Persons under Trial.			Convicted.					Acquitted, Discharged, or Released on Bail.								
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Pending on 1st January.	Arrested during the year.	Total.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Assistant Commissioner.	High Court.	Commissioner.	Deputy Commissioner.	Assistant Commissioner.	Sub-Asst. Commissioner.	Pending on 31st December.	Died.	Escaped.	Transferred.
1	Breach of Abkarry Laws...	34	54	...	...	...	48	48	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	1	...	...
2	Railway Accidents	2	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
3	Trespass of Railway under Act XVII of 1854...	27	44	...	...	...	44	44	...	...	...	29	9	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
4	Cattle Trespass	57	96	...	...	14	69	83	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	56	7	...	...	...	...
5	Maintenance under Section 316	30	31	...	...	4	21	25	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	13	...	1	...	...	...
6	Escape from Jail, Section 33	3	3	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Enquiries into suspicious Death	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Bad character under Sections 295, 296 and 99 ...	12	13	...	...	1	13	14	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
9	Recruiting coolies under Act III of 1863 ...	8	13	...	...	...	13	13	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
10	Stopping Road	1	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Dispossession under Section 318 ...	20	20	...	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
12	Forcibly opposing seizure of Cattle ...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Miscellaneous	19	19	...	...	...	17	17	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
14	Recognizance, C. P. C. Section 282 ...	3	8	...	...	2	8	10	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
15	Manufacture of Gunpowder	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Frivolous Complaint	2	4	...	...	1	4	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
17	Gambling	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Report of Cattle trespass	25	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	251	340	...	...	22	251	273	...	...	1	151	9	...	...	...	99	7	5	1	...	...

The total number of persons arrested by the village authorities, and brought into the Sudder Station on their own authority, was 628, and 2,639 were sent in by order of the Assistant Commissioners. Of the former, 403 were convicted, 20 committed, 184 acquitted, and 21 being pending. Of the latter, 1,270 were convicted, 80 committed, 147 acquitted, 2 died, 1 escaped, transferred 8, and 131 being pending.

The results as regards persons sent in by order of the Assistant Commissioners is not very satisfactory.

The following Table shows the number of village officers punished during the year:—

A.—*Dismissal.*

Rank.	Number.	Offence.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Chowkeedars	23	Neglect of duty	1	7	2	2	11
Mundals	2	Giving false report	..	..	..	2	..
Chowkeedar	1	Misappropriation of an unclaimed bullock	..	1	..	..	..
Mundul	1	Ditto	..	1	..	..	..
Chowkeedars	3	Not reporting crime; suppressing occurrence of theft ..	..	2	..	..	1
Ditto	2	Calling a woman a witch ..	..	..	..	..	2
Pahariah Naib	1	Arson	..	..	..	..	1
Chowkeedar	1	Convicted of theft	..	..	..	..	1
	34	Total ..	1	11	2	4	16

B.—*Suspension.*

Rank.	Number.	Offence.	Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Charles James Riley, European Constable	1	Torture for the purpose of extorting confession from a person charged with theft ..	..	..	..	..	1
Chowkeedars	2	Allowing a defendant to escape from custody	2	..	..	..	...
Ditto	3	Not reporting dacoity ..	3	..	..	..	...
	6	Total ..	5	..	..	..	1

C.—*Fines.*

Rank.	Number.	Number of times fined.	Amount Rupees.			Deoghur.	Doomka.	Godda.	Pakour.	Rajmehal.
Heads of villages ..	26	Once	139	0	0	1	2	12	..	11
Purgunites	3	Ditto	40	0	0	..	2	1	..	1
Ditto	1	Twice	30	0	0	..	..	..	..	...
Hill Chiefs and Manjhees	307	Once	1,389	0	0	...	6	301	..	...
Chowkeedars	77	Ditto	239	4	0	12	17	12	..	36
	414	Total ..	1,837	4	0	13	27	326	..	48

The number of Chowkeedars fined is much less than formerly. I directed the Assistant Commissioners not to fine often, but to fine severely when they did fine. The old plan was continued small fining, which irritates and does no good.

There are still a large number of Hill Chiefs fined for non-attendance. They are almost all Godda men. Mr. Yule issued an order that these men, who are all pensioners, should report themselves monthly. This practice subjects them to great inconvenience. The Munceharee men, in the Godda district, have between 30 and 40 miles to go to reach the station; if the Assistant Commissioner is out in Camp, they have to follow him up: 4 or 5 days every month are thus lost to them.

The result is they miss attendance, and their pensions are reduced generally by half from fines imposed for non-attendance. This is, I think, objectionable. These men are entitled to their pensions. Monthly attendance was not a condition of such pension, and is of no real practical benefit. Each Hill Chief is bound to come in and report at once any event of importance. To force him to come in every month to report that all's well, seems to me unnecessary. I have addressed the Lieutenant Governor upon this matter, recommending that Mr. Yule's order be rescinded.

The following Table gives the number of accidental deaths reported in 1863:—

	Drowned.	Bitten by snakes.	Burnt.	Killed by lightning.	Killed by wild beasts.	Killed by bite of mad animals.	Killed by alligators.	Killed by falling down from trees.	Killed by fall of wall upon the body.	Killed by fall from a house.	Railway accidents.	From other causes.
Men	14	38	4	4	50	...	...	1	...	...	2	...
Women...	11	16	...	3	38	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
Boys	9	9	5	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Girls ...a..	13	6	1	...	8	...	1	5	1	...	...	...
Total	47	69	10	7	107	...	1	6	3	...	4	...
Rajmehal	16	11	2	3	5	...	1	3	1	...	3	...
Doomka	8	26	7	2	54	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Godda	7	17	1	1	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...
Deoghur	10	3	...	1	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pakour	6	12	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Total	47	69	10	7	107	...	1	6	3	...	4	...

The number of deaths by wild beasts is less than last year. There is a progressive yearly improvement. The chief mortality from this cause is in Doomka and Deoghur where there are still heavy jungles.

The following Officers were employed in the Sonthal Pergunnahs during the year:—

Names of Officers.	Grade.	Period of employment.	Commissioner's opinion.
Mr. B. Wood... ...	Deputy Commissioner, Rajmehal	1st Jany. to 31st Dec., 1863 ...	I have often expressed my satisfaction with Mr. Wood. He is an excellent officer. The only point regarding which I ever have to find fault, is his miscellaneous work, connected with correspondence in English, which is not disposed of as quickly as it should be. This remark applies to most of the Sonthal officers.
,, C. W. Wilmot ...	Assistant Commissioner, Deoghur	1st Jany. to 8th May, 1863 ...	An officer of sound judgment and untiring energy. I have a high opinion of Mr. Wilmot.
,, W. M. Smith ...	Ditto	9th May to 31st Dec., 1863 ...	A careful, able officer. Does his work thoroughly.
,, W. F. Goss ...	Ditto	1st Jany. to 5th May, 1863 ...	Left at the beginning of the year.
,, J. Meik ...	Sub-Asst. Commissioner, Nala	1st Jany. to 30th April, 1863 ...	Ditto Ditto.
,, A. J. Fraser ...	Ditto, Deoghur	25th April to 31st Dec., 1863 ...	A steady officer. Promises well.
,, A. C. Woodward...	Ditto	28th April to 31st Dec., 1863 ...	Is clever, but not so clever as he thinks; is disposed to argue, and too fond of writing.
,, J. Scott ...	Assistant Commissioner, Doomka	1st Jany. to 12th May, 1863 ...	A good officer. Died during the year from a sun-stroke received when out investigating a case.
,, A. W. Cosserat ...	Ditto	13th May to 31st Augt., 1863 ...	A trustworthy good officer, who gets through his work quickly and well.
Ditto	Ditto	1st Nov. to 31st Dec., 1863.	
,, G. K. Meares ...	Sub-Asst. Commissioner, Doomka	1st Sept. to 21st Dec., 1863 ...	Has done very well, and would do better with a little more application.
,, G. C. M. Smith...	Assistant Commissioner, Godda...	1st Jany. to 27th July, 1863 ...	An officer of excellent ability. He was idle during the latter part of the year.
,, R. S. T. MacEwen	Sub-Asst. Commissioner ...	1st Jany. to 13th April, 1863 ...	A careful officer. Will do very well.
,, A. C. Woodward ...	Ditto	25th June to 10th August, 1863.	
,, J. Scott ...	Assistant Commissioner ...	28th July to 29th August, 1863.	
,, A. C. Woodward...	Offg. Ditto ...	18th Sept. to 20th November, 1863.	
,, John Bell	Ditto	21st Nov. to 31st December, 1863.	Was but a short time in the Sonthal Pergunnahs during the year. I am satisfied with his work.
,, W. M. Smith ...	Assistant Commissioner, Pakour	1st Jany. to 31st March, 1863.	
,, G. K. Meares ...	Offg. Ditto ...	1st April to 15th August, 1863.	
,, R. S. T. MacEwen	Ditto	16th Augt. to 31st December, 1863.	
,, A. W. Cosserat...	Assistant Commissioner, Rajmehal	1st Jany. to 2nd May, 1863.	
,, R. S. T. MacEwen	Officiating Ditto, Rajmehal ...	2nd May to 5th August, 1863.	
,, G. C. M. Smith ...	Ditto	5th August to 31st December, 1863.	
,, G. K. Meares ...	Sub-Asst. Commr., Rajmehal ...	1st Jany, to 22nd April, 1863.	

No. 1.

Results of trials in offences as below.

	Year.	Murder and Culpable Homicide.			Dacoities.			Theft.		
		Under Trial.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Under Trial.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Under Trial.	Convicted.	Acquitted.
Sonthal Pergunnahs	1859.	31	15	16	102	3	75	822	422	314
	1860.	26	10	11	127	12	96	701	348	333
	1861.	29	12	11	160	38	122	609	276	320
	1862.	16	8	5	130	1	117	745	415	304
	1863.	37	13	9	70	17	23	644	380	244

No. 2.

Number of Occurrences.

	Year.	Number of Dacoities.	Theft.	Burglaries.
Sonthal Pergunnahs ..	1859.	30	1,135	657
	1860.	30	1,149	582
	1861.	23	974	480
	1862.	24	981	400
	1863.	21	1,401	561

No. 3.

	Year.	Property plundered.			Property recovered.		
		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Sonthal Pergunnahs ..	1859.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1860.	36,412	2	11	4,127	9	0
	1861.	38,793	14	0	4,049	9	9
	1862.	29,282	3	3	3,754	11	5
	1863.	26,292	11	5	6,542	10	9

GENERAL REMARKS.

The general results of the year's Criminal Administration will be, I trust, considered satisfactory. In my last year's Report I recommended the regular introduction of the Police in Deoghur, and a modified system of Police in the other 4 Districts. The scheme is now, I believe, before the Lieutenant Governor. It contemplates, where the modified system is to be introduced, placing the Police directly under the Assistant Commissioner. I would avoid the clashing of jurisdiction and the absence of unity of action, which is the result in the Regulation Districts of the double system in force.

When out in the interior last cold weather, I was struck with the facilities for growing and exporting timber, which are offered by some parts of the Damun-i-koh. On the banks of the Brahminee, Banslooie, and Goomance, nurseries of timber might be established.

The villagers, our own ryots, could be made to look after these nurseries, and the timber, when grown, could easily be carried away during the rains by the rivers, in which, at that time, runs a strong and full current. I have given directions for the establishment of a few nurseries as an experiment—the young trees to be obtained from the Botanical Gardens.

The work generally in the Sonthal Pergunnahs is very much greater than it used to be. It is no exaggeration to say that it is double. With increased work, and, I believe, also increased efficiency, there have been additional Statements and Returns. The Establishments, however, have remained what they originally were. They are overworked. I would strongly recommend an increase of one Writer, on 30 Rupees a month, to each of the 3 Districts of Rajmehal, Deoghur, and Doomka.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE;
BHAUGULPORE,
The 26th April, 1864.

(Signed) A. MONEY,
Commissioner of Sonthal Pergunnahs.

STATEMENT of cases and persons brought to trial, convicted, and acquitted by the Commissioner for the Sonthal Districts, under Act XXXVII., *for the Quarter ending* 31*st December*, 1863.

No.	Offences.	Pending at the end of last year.			Committed during the year.			Total Prisoners.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Pending at the close of the year.			Details of Sentences.	
		Cases.	Prisoners in Jail.	Do. on Trial.	Cases.	Prisoners in Jail.	Do. on Trial.				Cases.	Prisoners in Jail.	Do. on Trial.		
1	Murder	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	Convicted and referred to Lieut. Govr.' or Nizamut Adawlut, Sentenced to 16 years & upwards.	3
2	Dacoity	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...		
3	Highway Robbery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
4	Burglary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 12 Do. & Do.	
5	Theft	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 10 Do. & Do.	
6	Affrays	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 8 Do. & Do.	
7	Illegal & riotous assemblage,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 6 Do. & Do.	
8	Wounding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 4 Do. & Do.	
9	Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	„ 3 Do. & under.	
10	Arson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	To find Security.	
11	Forgery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
12	Perjury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
13	Other offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE;
SONTHAL PERGUNNAHS,
The 26th April, 1864.

(Signed) A. MONEY,
Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs.

STATEMENT of Criminal Appeals preferred to the Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs during the year ending 31st December, 1863, from the orders of the Sonthal Officers.

Nature of Cases.	Appeals Pending.	Received during the year.	Disposed of during the year.		Pending.
			Order confirmed.	Order reversed.	
Regular	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	2	12	12	1	1

Commissioner's Office;
Sonthal Pergunnahs,
The 26th April, 1864.

(Signed) A. MONEY,
Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs.

CRIMINAL.

STATEMENT showing the number of Appeals preferred from the orders of the Assistant Commissioners, to the Deputy Commissioner, in Criminal cases and in proceedings other than Criminal trials, during the year 1863, *with the orders passed thereon by the Deputy Commissioner.*

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16	17
	Appeals from orders passed in Criminal cases.									Appeals from orders in Judicial Proceedings other than Criminal trials.								
From the Order of	Pending on 31st December 1862.	Preferred during the year.		Total.	Appeals rejected.	Orders confirmed.	Orders modified or reversed.	Pending at the close of 1863.	Longest period in days during which any undecided case has been pending.	Pending on 31st December 1862.	Preferred during the year.		Total.	Appeals rejected.	Orders confirmed.	Orders modified or reversed.	Pending at the close of 1863.	Longest period in days during which any undecided case has been pending.
		Appeal.	Cases called for								Appeals.	Cases called for.						
Mr. Assistant Commissioner Wilmot, Deoghur ...	...	13	...	13	3	9	1	...	...	...	7	...	7	7	...	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Smith, ,, ..	..	13	...	13	2	10	1	...	...	...	8	...	8	8	...	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Scott, Doomka ...	...	1	...	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Goss, ,, ...	...	1	...	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Cosserat, ,, ...	...	3	...	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Smith, Godda ...	1	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Mr. Offg ,, ,, Woodward, ,, ...	...	1	...	1	..	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	..	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Smith, Pakour ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	...
Mr. Offg. ,, ,, Meares, ,, ...	..	5	...	5	...	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, ,, McEwen, ,, ...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr. Assistant ,, Cosserat, Rajmehal	1	12	...	13	2	7	4	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Mr. ,, ,, Meares, ,, ...	...	1	...	1	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr Offg. ,, ,, McEwen, ,, ...	..	5	...	5	..	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mr Assistant ,, Smith, ,, ...	...	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	..	...
Total ...	2	60	...	62	10	39	13	..	...	1	23	...	24	18	5	1	...	...

Remarks.

The proportion of orders confirmed to those modified or reversed in this Statement is as below.

	No of Appeal.	Rejected.	Confirmed.	Reversed or modified.	Pendings.
Mr. Wilmot	20	10	9	1	...
Mr Smith	22	10	10	2	...
Mr. Scott	1	1	...	...	...
Mr. Goss	1	1	...	...	...
Mr. Cosserat	19	6	9	4	...
Mr. G. Smith	7	0	6	1	...
Mr. Woodward	2	0	2	...	...
Mr. Meares	7	1	4	2	...
Mr. McEwen	7	0	3	4	...
Total ...	96	29	43	14	.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE;
BHAUGULPORE,
The 26th April, 1864.

(Signed) A. MONEY,
Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs.

CRIMINAL.

STATEMENT showing the number of commitments made by Sonthal Officers, and how disposed of by the Deputy Commissioner for the year 1863.

Name of Officer making Commitment.	Name of Division.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Number of persons pending at the close of last year.	Total.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Died in Jail	Committed to Commissioner.	Pending.	Total.	Remarks.
Mr. Assistant Commissioner C. W. Wilmot ...	Deoghur	3	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	4	
Mr. „ „ W. F. Goss	Ditto	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	Committed by Assistant Commissioner towards the latter end of December, 1863, but did not arrive at the Sessions Court till commencement of 1864.
Mr. „ „ W. M. Smith ...	Ditto	10	32	...	32	14	1	...	2	15*	32	
Mr. „ „ John Scott	Doomka	2	11	...	11	6	5	...	...	..	11	
Mr. „ „ A. W. Cosserat ..	Ditto	2	9	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	9	
Mr. „ „ G. C. M. Smith ..	Godda	16	30	1	31	30	1	...	...	...	31	
Mr. Depy. Commr. B. Wood as Asst. Commr. ...	Ditto	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	
Mr. Offg. Asst. Commissioner G. K. Meares ...	Pakour	4	6	..	6	5	1	...	...	...	6	Ditto ditto.
Mr. „ „ „ R. S. T. McEwen ...	Ditto	1	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	8	
Mr. Assistant Commissioner A. W. Cosserat ...	Rajmahal ...	2	7	1	8	8	...	...	...	...	8	
Mr. Sub-Assistant Commissioner G. K. Meares ...	Ditto	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	
Mr. Offg. Asst. Commissioner McEwen	Ditto	2	7	...	7	5	2	...	..	.	7	
Mr. Assistant Commissioner G. C. M. Smith ...	Ditto	5	12	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	12	
	Total	51	130	2	132	94	12	...	3	23	132	

* Of the 23 persons shown as pending, 15 were afterwards convicted, 7 acquitted, and 1 still pending, owing to his being dangerously ill.

Commissioner's Office,
Sonthal Pergunnahs,
The 26th April, 1864.

(Signed) A. MONEY,
Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs.

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(RESOLUTION.)

JUDICIAL.

Fort William, the 29th September 1864.

READ the Annual Police Report of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for the year 1863.

1. The detailed Statements do not contain any figures for 1862. The reason assigned for the omission is not sufficient, as an examination of the cases would have shown under what Section of the Penal Code (which was in force throughout 1862) each case fell.

2. The great majority of the cases of offences against the public tranquillity are petty ones of affray. The entry of "one" person, as concerned in a riot, must, by the definition of the offence, be erroneous. The proportion of convictions in this class is good, and the same may be said of offences of the three succeeding classes.

3. The entry of one person in a case of the 1st group of the 6th class as *convicted* by the Assistant Commissioner requires explanation, Assistant Commissioners not having power to *try* for offences of this group.

4. In cases of the 11th class, as noticed by the Commissioner, the proportion of convictions is fair in serious cases, but the reverse in cases of a petty nature. It is a subject for congratulation that the guilty were brought to justice in the case of the atrocious murder of Mussamut Bullee described by the Commissioner.

5. In dacoity cases the convictions show better than last year. But 18 convictions in 19 cases is a result in itself by no means satisfactory. The entry of 113 persons *convicted* by Assistant Commissioners of "robbery" requires explanation. As observed by the Commissioner the results in cases of house-breaking by night with intent to commit theft are very unfavorable. The proceedings of Mr. W. Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Deoghur, in the investigation of the dacoity case noticed by the Commissioner, are deserving of praise. The percentage of recovery of property stolen in theft cases is good.

6. The number of cases of defamation and criminal intimidation seems somewhat large for a district whose population is of such a character as that of the Sonthal Pergunnahs.

7. The details of miscellaneous offences are very loose and inaccurate. One person is entered as having been punished for gambling; the Lieutenant-Governor desires to know where this occurred, and under what law the sentence was passed.

8. Orders have already passed on the subject of compelling the attendance of the Hill Chiefs in the Godda District.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor notices with pleasure the favorable terms in which the services of the following Officers are mentioned:—

Mr. B. Wood, Deputy Commissioner; Messrs. Wilmot, W. M. Smith, Cosserat, Assistant Commissioners; and Mr. MacEwen, Sub-Assistant Commissioner.

10. The Commissioner should submit in a separate form any application he may wish to make for increase of Establishments, giving full details of the grounds of advising such increase.

(Sd.) J. GEOGHEGAN,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 4826.

ORDERED, that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Sonthal Pergunnahs for his information and guidance.

By Order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

J. GEOGHEGAN,

FORT WILLIAM,
The 29th September, 1864. } *Under-Secy. to the Government of Bengal.*

[Exd. W. Hungerford.]